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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Lynn Kunzler, Senior Reclamation Specialist *LK*

RE: Resolution of Protest, Gold Star Stone, Inc., Lone Pine Quarry, M/003/050, Box Elder County, Utah

On April 13, , 2002, the Division received written protest from an adjacent land owner, Pickett Ranch and Sheep Co. of Oakley Idaho. The land owner protest was in response to the Division's Notice of Tentative Decision to approve the Mining and Reclamation Plan for Gold Star Stone, Inc.'s Lone Pine Quarry. On April 25, 2002, we responded to the protest letter, describing the action(s) the Division would take to resolve the areas of concern.

In early May, Mr. Pickett called regarding the Division's letter. His concern was still that we had the wrong legal description – that we were identifying a portion of his land as part of the permit area. After double checking the legal description, I assured him that his property was not part the permit area. He also indicated that his underlying concern was that if he did not register his concerns during the public comment period, that it would jeopardize his rights to claim any damage resulting from the operation should it occur.

I thanked him for his participation and requested that he inform us in a timely manner should any of his concerns materialize so that the Division can take appropriate action.

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